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Former U.S. Sec. of VA, Army to Give 2014 Edward R. Roybal Memorial Lecture

WHAT: The Honorable Togo D. West Jr., former U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs and former U.S. Secretary of the Army, will deliver the 2014 Edward R. Roybal Memorial Lecture. Sponsored by the USC Edward R. Roybal Institute on Aging at the USC School of Social Work with honorary co-host Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard, the event honors the late congressman who was a champion for civil rights, equal opportunity and the establishment of aging services. Awards will also be presented at the event to distinguished honorees Rigo J. Saborio of St. Barnabas Senior Services (USC Roybal Institute Community Partnership Award) and Robert J. Taylor of the University of Michigan School of Social Work (Pearmain Prize for Excellence in Research on Aging).

WHO: West is currently chairman of TLI Leadership Group and of Noblis Inc. as well as a member of several corporate boards including the Krispy Kreme Doughnut Corporation, Bristol-Myers Squibb, FuelCell Energy Inc. and MedStar Health. He has held senior positions in three U.S. presidential administrations including serving as U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs and U.S. Secretary of the Army under President Bill Clinton. In previous administrations, West served as U.S. General Counsel of the Department of Defense, U.S. Special Assistant to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense, U.S. General Counsel of the Department of the Navy and U.S. Associate Deputy Attorney General.

West, who has been awarded the Legion of Merit and the Meritorious Service Medal, will speak about the health and social needs of aging veterans.

WHEN: Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2014
4:30 p.m.

WHERE: Town and Gown
USC/University Park Campus

ABOUT: The USC Edward R. Roybal Institute on Aging hosts its biennial event to commemorate the legacy of the late Rep. Edward R. Roybal. The mission of the institute is to advance research whose goal is to enhance optimal aging for persons in minority and low-income communities. It maintains a strong interdisciplinary focus, with collaborations among faculty and professionals in such fields as social work, gerontology, psychology, preventive medicine, family medicine, psychiatry, oncology, American studies and ethnicity, and public policy.